

HOME EDITION

MONDAY EVENING.

TOPEKA, KANSAS, DECEMBER 14, 1914.

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TWO CENTS

SQUARE JAW ON PANAMA CANAL

Governor of Zone Wants to Preserve American Neutrality.

Makes Firm Request for Warships in This District.

TAKING ON SUPPLIES THERE

Belligerents Apparently Pay No Attention to U. S. Supervision.

Immediate Call for Two Torpedo Boat Destroyers.

Washington, Dec. 14.—The secretary of state, war and navy will hold a conference today to decide whether to send warships to Panama to aid in enforcing neutrality in response to Colonel Goethal's request.

Colonel Goethal today reiterated his request that two torpedo boat destroyers be sent to canal zone waters to prevent violation of neutrality through the misuse of wireless and the taking on of supplies by belligerent vessels.

Because of the confidential nature of Col. Goethal's dispatch Secretary Garrison declined to make it public. He issued this statement:

"The substance of the dispatch is that in Col. Goethal's judgment the misuse of radio communication within canal waters and the prevention of the misuse of these waters as a base of supplies require the presence of swift moving ships of the variety mentioned. Since the questions involved require the consideration of the state department and the navy department as well as my own, I have taken the matter up with the other departments and as soon as the requirements are fully ascertained, proper action will be taken to meet them."

Secretary Garrison declined to discuss the situation in the canal zone, or to indicate which of the belligerents was violating the neutrality of the United States. It is known that the Australian collier Mallina, which recently left Balboa without clearance papers, has been under close observation by Panama canal officials. That ship, as well as other colliers, have been suspected of supplying British ships in Pacific waters. Alleged violations of canal zone shipping regulations have been the basis of strong representations to the British minister at Panama.

The Lamson, Worden, Terry, Perkins, and Walke are in reserve at Charleston, S. C., and one or more of these vessels could be dispatched to canal waters almost instantly. On the Pacific coast the nearest craft available are the Whipple, Paul Jones, Perry, Preble and Truxton all lying off San Diego.

WIN DECISIVE VICTORY

Russians Pierce the German Front North of Warsaw.

Petrograd, Dec. 14.—Reports today from the front say the operations of Russian forces north of Warsaw, partial success of which was announced last week, have now resulted in a decisive victory, after having pierced the German front beyond Clehanow and Przasnysz.

The Russian success on this front, according to these reports, has been clinched by a wide swinging movement of the advancing Russian left on the main highway from Plock to Miawa, concluding in a heavy cavalry engagement at Juromietna, seven miles southeast of Miawa. It is said here that the Russians will now be able to straighten their entire front running to the Mazurian lakes.

A BELGIAN APPEAL

To All the People of Kansas:

When women and children by thousands and millions are facing death from starvation plain words are pardonable. Within one month less than one-half of the people of Kansas have been given approximately two-thirds of a ship-load of Kansas flour for Belgium.

We make this final appeal, asking every man, woman and child to give one dollar—more if possible—less if necessary, but for the sake of suffering, starving human being to give something and have a share in sending this ship-load of food to these stricken, homeless people across the sea.

If every Kansan would share a very small portion of his Christmas with these starving people who ask only bread, not even enough for a good square meal, but barely enough bread to sustain life, we can load the Kansas ship to its capacity. Send your contributions at the earliest possible date to your local committee or to the Kansas Belgian Relief Committee, 703 Mills building, Topeka.

We ask and urge every home, every business house, bank and institution, and every stockman, farmer, and indeed, every man, woman and child, to become part of the Kansas Belgian Relief organization and make some little sacrifice to help fill the Kansas ship and get it started across the sea before Christmas time.

We want the help of every minister and his people, of every fraternal organization, of every labor union, and every women's organization. In making plans for Christmas won't Kansas remember the hungry, helpless millions of Belgium?

We, persons with the best information to support the belief—believe that every sack of flour, every dollar given now, will save the life of a child or a woman. Who would sacrifice a human life for a day's wages?

W. R. STUBBS,
Chairman.
CHARLES DILLON,
Secretary.

LAW FINDS FRIEND

Capper Comes Out for State-Wide Primary Plan.

Favors Delegate Convention to Talk Things Over.

TOO MANY ELECTIVE OFFICERS

Governor-Elect Agrees With Hodges on One Lone Point.

Probable That Capper Will Veto Travis Bill—If It Passes.

Naughty, unscrupulous and designing politicians who would cripple the sacred state-wide primary election law may as well expect opposition from Arthur Capper, governor elect. Capper believes the state-wide primary is a sacred institution and safe in the hands of the voters. He is willing to bleed and die for the law—notwithstanding opinions of Governor Hodges, Democrat, and Frank L. Travis, Republican, to the contrary.

The one change which Capper would suggest for the existing law is a provision for a delegate convention to talk things over. But under no circumstances would the new governor place the nominating power in the hands of a convention system. That would mean a return to the dark ages in Kansas politics, Capper believes.

Only the other day Governor Hodges explained his views on the state-wide primary, the need of a constitutional convention, a one-house legislature, and added that there were too many state officers elected by the people. It is quite evident that the retiring governor and the incoming [Continued on Page Two.]

DOWN TO 4 BELOW

All Kansas Is Shivering With the Cold Today.

But Sun Is Shining for First Time in Eight Days.

The temperature today has averaged 29 degrees below normal for this date.

The hourly readings:
7 o'clock 28° 10 o'clock 28°
7:45 o'clock 24° 11 o'clock 28°
8 o'clock 22° 12 o'clock 28°
9 o'clock 21° 1 o'clock 28°
10 o'clock 20° 2 o'clock 28°

*Below zero.

Kansas is shivering today! Below zero temperatures occurred this morning for the first time this season at Topeka. The government weather observer gives 4 degrees below zero as the official minimum count, but as the thermometer is on top of the Mulvane building it did not register as low as instruments nearer the ground. The thermometer at the home of the weather man on the West Side at an elevation of but four feet above the ground registered 6 below, and a number of Topekans are claiming thermometers read as low as 7 below. The minimum temperature occurred at 7:45 o'clock this morning.

The state fairly sparkles today. For the first time in eight days for eastern Kansas the sun was "on the job" this morning.

A raw northwest wind prevailed all Sunday night and caused the decided drop in temperature. There is snow on the ground all the way from Oklahoma to the north pole, and under this condition real winter weather may be expected.

No cold weather record for this date was broken at Topeka. The minimum for this date in the twenty-eight years that the local records have been kept [Continued on Page Two.]

KNIFE FOR KAISER

German Emperor Will Be Operated Upon for Trouble.

Feverish Condition Postpones Action on War Leader.

London, Dec. 14.—Telegraphing from Bern, Switzerland, a correspondent of the Central News says:

A telegram received here from Munich states it has been decided to operate on Emperor William's throat, but the operation is being deferred owing to the feverish condition of the emperor.

Reports more or less alarming of the illness of Emperor William have been in circulation for several days. His majesty returned to Berlin some days ago from the front and it was then variously reported that he was suffering from influenza, catarrh of the throat and nervous breakdown. The latter part of last week the reports had a more hopeful tone and it was said he was recovering and soon would be able to go to the front again.

THE DAY IN CONGRESS

Two of the Big Supply Bills Brought Into the House.

Washington, Dec. 14.—Independent coal operators continued their complaint of discriminations in southern territory before a senate committee. Hearings were continued on the water power site land and bill.

The Philippine committee began hearing on the bill for ultimate independence of the islands.

Secretary Daniels continued his testimony before the house naval committee. The legislative, executive and judicial and postal appropriation bills were brought in.

TURKS ON THE RUN

Repulsed Everywhere They Are Being Pursued by Russians.

They Are Chased Beyond the Euphrates River.

AUSTRIAN REVERSE SEVERE

Servians Are Sweeping Them Out of the Country.

Germany Is Reported Prepared to Fight for Years.

London, Dec. 14.—Reverse for Turkey at the hands of Russia on land and of England on the sea were chronicled in today's official war dispatches. Russian army headquarters in the Caucasus reports that the Turks, whose strong resistance to the invaders from the north compelled them to retreat, have now been repulsed everywhere and are being pursued beyond the Euphrates river, suffering heavy losses.

The British admiralty announces the old Turkish battleship Mesoudieh, which carried 600 men, has been destroyed by a British submarine. To accomplish the feat the submarine

FRENCH OFFICERS TAKE DINNER WITH A GERMAN PRISONER



This photo, taken on the road from the Argonne battlefield shows a group of interested spectators gathered about French officers of the ambulance division who are dining with a German Red Cross member who has fallen into their hands. The Daily News.

penetrated the supposedly impregnable Dardanelles.

The recent successes of the Servians, partly confirmed from Berlin, are said at Nish to have been extended. It is asserted that the Austrians have been unable to check their retreat before the advancing Servians, who are sweeping them out of their country. A statement attributed to Field Marshal von Der Goltz, who was sent by the German government to Constantinople to direct the Turkish forces, indicates in the opinion of this man, one of the leading German military authorities, the war may drag on for a long time. He is quoted as saying that Germany is prepared to carry on the war for years but is certain to triumph eventually.

ASKED TO EXPLAIN

Members of Barber Board Before Attorney General.

Must Answer for Charge of Using State Money for Board.

Members of the state barber board have been notified by the attorney general's office that they shall appear before Governor Hodges Thursday to explain the vouchers on which they collected several hundred dollars board and room rent while living at home. They have also been requested to turn the money into the state treasury.

The three members of the board—Charles C. Meyer, Winchell Clarence Mathews, Topeka, and F. W. Koester, Atchison—have been charged with collecting "expenses" from the state while living at home. These vouchers, it is claimed, were collected in strict violation of the law.

The case was called to the attention of the attorney general by Governor Hodges who demanded an explanation. It is now up to the members of the board to explain and they will be asked to appear in the governor's office Thursday morning.

Weather Forecast for Kansas.
Fair tonight and Tuesday; slowly rising temperature

FIGHT GOES ON DAY AND NIGHT

Germans Pound the Russian Line Continuously

In a Vain Attempt to Break Through the Defense.

AN ARMY OF HALF A MILLION

Is Massed on the Line of the Main Advance.

Trenches Evacuated and Blown Up as Enemy Enters.

Petrograd, Dec. 14.—The German attack against the Russians, continues day and night but the force of their assault has greatly diminished. It is stated. Thousands of men have been thrown forward in a vain attempt to break through the Russian defenses. A half million Germans are declared to be massed on this front which is on the line of the main advance of the enemy.

The greatest part of the entire battle of the Lowica region which has lasted

TRENCH BY TRENCH

The Allies Slowly Are Advancing Their Lines in Flanders.

Fighting Is Hand to Hand and Extremely Sanguinary.

LOSSES HEAVY ON BOTH SIDES

Entire German Regiment Wiped Out in One Charge.

French and British Execute Successful Flank Movement.

Paris, Dec. 14.—The most desperate fighting of the month on the extreme western line of the battle front was resumed today in the region from Ypres, through Armentieres and La Bassée.

The Germans have met the attack of the French and British in this region with a vigorous counter offensive which has resulted in extremely bloody hand to hand fighting. The allies have slowly advanced their lines, trench by trench, but it is admitted their losses have been heavy. The German losses, however, are three to one greater than those of the allies.

In one charge alone along the La Bassée

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"When last seen the Mesoudieh was sinking by the stern."

The Mesoudieh was a very old boat, having been built at Blackwall, England, in 1874, and reconstructed at Genoa in 1902. She was 332 feet long, 59 feet beam and of about ten thousand tons burden.

She had a speed of 17½ knots and her main battery consisted of two 9.2-inch guns in turret and two 6-inch guns in battery. In the war with Greece in 1912, the Mesoudieh was reported badly damaged in a naval battle in the Dardanelles. She carried a crew of 600 men.

TELL OF BELIEFS

Governor Hodges Will Lecture on Commission Government.

Advocate of New Form Plans Campaign Next Spring.

Governor Hodges is going to spread the gospel of commission government and commission assemblies next summer and winter. The governor has not signed up with the chautauqua, or lyceum circuits yet but he has several offers, one for at least ten weeks' solid time during the summer and another for something like twenty weeks during next winter on the lyceum circuit.

Two or three other booking concerns have asked the governor if he would consider an offer for both summer chautauqua and winter lyceum courses.

Governor Hodges has been an advocate of commission government for a long time and sent to the legislature two years ago a special message advocating a commission assembly composed of members to take the place of the legislature. At that time he made no effort to encourage a real commission government in the state but named Henry Allen, the Progressive candidate for governor, has been advocating a complete revolution in state and county government the governor has been offering a slightly different scheme.

The governor proposes that the governor, secretary of state and auditor be elected and form the present executive council. But all the other state officers, judges, clerks, etc., would be appointed by the governor.

Emergency Appropriation.
Washington, Dec. 14.—An emergency appropriation of \$1,000,000 for fighting the foot and mouth disease was passed today by the senate.

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(By J. W. T. Mason.)

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The immediate cause of the German outburst is probably the collapse of Austria's offensive in Serbia. There is much mystery about Serbia's counter offensive which has now been successfully developing. Less than a fortnight ago, the Servians had been routed and demoralized; so complete was their discomfiture that their country seemed lost. London newspapers, which have just arrived in New York, show that Englishmen themselves believed Serbia was decisively beaten. England was beginning to speculate a fortnight ago whether Austria would break with Germany in order to negotiate a separate peace as soon as she had conquered Serbia.

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A CALL FOR MONEY

Kansas Natural Gas Receivers Want to Sell Supply

But They Hold Out No Hopes for Financing It.

John S. Dawson, attorney general, will leave tonight for Independence, where he will meet with the receivers and creditors of the Kansas Natural Gas company in an effort to perfect some scheme that will keep the natural gas business going for a few years.

None of the creditors are willing to sink money in new revenue bonds which will be represented by counsel at the meeting called to hold another financial autopsy.

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A TRY 'EM FIRST PLAN

English Lecturer Says That Only Socialism Should Marry.

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